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This is in response to the proposed settlement of the Microsoft antitrust case.

I believe the settlement falls short of being an effective remedy for Microsoft's past misdeeds and does little to prevent further misdeeds in the future. By stifling in the marketplace at large the innovation that they claim to champion, Microsoft has silenced any effective attempts to compete. This is a classic case of monopolistic behavior -- not unlike that of Standard Oil, for whom the Sherman Act was written -- and has got to be stopped.

The settlement needs more teeth:

1. There needs to be a stiff penalty for past misdeeds.
2. There needs to be a structural remedy that insures against future misdeeds. Microsoft has already demonstrated that it can't abide by behavioral remedies. Why should we assume they will in the future?

The computer and software marketplace has become a much poorer place since Microsoft's ascendency to monopoly status. A more effective remedy in this case could only help to reinvigorate the wasteland left in their wake.

Thank you.

Respectfully yours,
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